Department of Educational Studies  
Minutes of the Special Called Faculty Meeting  
September 15, 2003, 2:30 p.m., LRC


Dr. Brenda Gulledge called the meeting to order. This meeting was called specifically to discuss proposed curriculum changes and changes in the Urban Experience guidelines.

Urban Experience

Dr. Gulledge advised the faculty that changes must be made to the urban experience guidelines because of continued difficulties in placing the number of students we are sending out to the public schools. The tornado damage to the schools in Jackson currently prevents the acceptance of students for field placements. Dr. Karen Greenockle, NCATE Coordinator and member of the State Board of Examiners, indicated that we should expand our urban experience.

Mrs. Barbara Hutcherson, who attended a conference last year on providing appropriate field experiences, worked with Dr. Gulledge to write options for expanding the current urban experience. Faculty received the options via email prior to the meeting.

Discussion of the options ensued with a reminder that the adviser signs off on the urban experience. With the newly expanded options, a suggested name change is cross-cultural experience. The accountability component in the cross-cultural experience is that students write a reflective paper which is read by the adviser. The reflective paper is then filed in the office of Education Student Services. The reflective paper may be a part of the student’s portfolio. For attendance at specific cross-cultural events, students may also include brochures in their portfolios. Faculty agreed that it would be a huge mistake to delete the urban experience.

A suggestion was made to have an orientation to the cross-cultural experience for the students to gain a better understanding of diversity before they participate in the urban experience.

Dr. Reggie High made a motion to combine options 2 and 3, 4 and 6, delete 5 and 7, and move Special Olympics to number 6. Motion seconded by Dr. Esch. Motion carried.

Dr. Annaratone moved to rewrite that “any one combination of the following for a total of 15 hours.” Dr. Esch seconded. Motion was rescinded.

Dr. High moved that the motion be changed to “15 hours in one of the following options.” Dr. Hewitt seconded. Motion carried.
Curriculum

Dr. Hewitt presented the proposed curriculum changes as they were shown on check sheets. She said that the core curriculum was the same in the sciences and that they meet the gen ed requirements. There are no “hidden” hours for pre-reqs.

Dr. High moved that we accept the Secondary Biology as presented. Dr. Daniel seconded. In discussion, Dr. Hewitt said that physics, geology, and cell biology were all dropped. This would affect probably about five students a year. There was a call for the question, seconded, and carried. Original motion carried, with 1 dissention.

For the Secondary Earth and Space Science, Dr. Hewitt advised that all the gen ed is the same, and professional ed is the same as Secondary Biology. Dr. High moved that we adopt this as shown. Dr. Bonnie Daniel seconded. Motion carried with one dissention.

For the Secondary Chemistry, Dr. Hewitt said that the general and professional ed were the same. Dr. High moved to accept. Dr. Arant seconded, and the motion carried.

The Secondary Math was presented. Dr. High moved to approve, and Dr. Robert Hartshorn seconded. Motion carried.

The Foreign Language was presented. Dr. High moved to approve, and Dr. Robert Hartshorn seconded. Motion carried.

The SPED K-12/PreK-1 was presented. Dr. High moved to approve, and the motion was seconded. During discussion, it was decided to table this item until the next meeting.

Adjournment
Dr. High moved to adjourn, Dr. Arant seconded, meeting adjourned.